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1909.

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|---------------|--------|
| Poor          | 15'00  |
| Schools       | 3'5'00 |
| Transpotation |        |
| Supplies      | 4'00   |
| Bur-          | 3'60   |
| Rep           | 3'00   |
| Dr            | 5'50   |
| Lt & Int      | 12'00  |
| Counting      | 2'00   |

Wood Measure  
 Church W. L.  
 Jenkins E. N.  
 Dudley Ralph  
 Shubert John Jr.  
 Taft Lafayette  
 W. L. James W.  
 Rowley Gilbert  
 Manning Paul  
 Wallis W. R.  
 Gilbert Charles

Lumber  
 W. R. Walcott  
 Walter Parker  
 W. L. Gibson

Coal  
 Jones Frank E.  
 Jones Walter  
 Wallis David  
 Paul Manning

Stone  
 Ramsey Frank

# WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Monday, March 15, 1909.

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WORCESTER SS.

*To any Constable of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester.*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, East Douglas, in said Douglas, on Monday, the fifteenth day of March current, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

➤ ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, a town agent, six constables, a tax collector, an agent and three appraisers on Devise of Moses Wallis, three fence and three bridge viewers, ten highway surveyors, one for each district, a tree warden, an auditor, all for term of one year, also one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, three members of the school committee, one trustee of the Public Library, one town cemetery commissioner, all for term of three years, also elect one assessor for term of

one year to fill vacancy, and to vote Yes or No on the question shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town the ensuing year.

ART. 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

➤ ART. 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and out-standing committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of poor, for schools, for debts and interest, for salary of superintendent of schools, for maintaining street lights, for exterminating browntail and gypsy moths and other contingent expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

➤ ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for making and repairing highways and townways for the ensuing year and order the same assessed upon polls and estates of residents and non-residents as other town charges are assessed.

➤ ART. 6. To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

➤ ART. 7. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

➤ ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the fire company the sum of eight dollars each for their services the ensuing year.

➤ ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize the assessors to abate such taxes as in their judgment ought to be abated.

➤ ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provision of Chapter 209 of the acts of 1908 in relation to forest fires.

➤ ART. 11. To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist and what their compensation shall be.

➤ ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to contract with the Douglas Electric Co. for street lighting the ensuing year, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

\$ 1400

Electric

100

2000  
Road  
1500  
Street

Salvage

Sam

Selection

\$100 > ART. 13. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

> ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 25, Section 15, of the Revised Laws.

200 > ART. 15. To see what salary the town will pay its tax Collector the ensuing year.

350 > ART. 16. To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor on the highways the ensuing year.

> ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year and to be paid therefrom.

yes  
\$100 > ART. 18. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for constructing and repairing sidewalks, and under whose supervision it shall be expended.

\$25- > ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five dollars for repair of town clock, so called, to be paid from the contingent fund.

\$100 > ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Simon Fairfield Public Library.

yes > ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to install electric lights along the highway from the house of Mrs. James Dermody to the railroad station at Douglas Center.

> ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to petition the general court, by its selectmen or a committee, for authority to install a system of water works for the town of Douglas for fire, domestic and other purposes, by acquiring lands and sources of supply within the limits of the town, and authorize the issue of bonds, notes and scrip to defray the expenses of the same, or take any action in relation to the matter.

yes  
selectmen > ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to contract for the installation and maintenance of three electric street lights on Caswell Court, so-called, and raise and appropriate the sum of money necessary therefor.

*2 more*  
*selectmen* ➤ ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to place two or more electric lights on Franklin St.

*76-* ➤ ART. 25. To see if the town will vote the sum of seventy-five dollars to defray the expense of a band for Memorial day.

*Post paid* ➤ ART. 26. To see what disposition the town will make of the license money, if licenses are granted.

*2000* ➤ ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used on the highways under the supervision of the selectmen, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

*yes* ➤ ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 104 of the revised laws in regard to regulation of buildings.

➤ ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to adopt the following by-law: The provisions of sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 104 of the revised laws shall be applicable to the whole of said town.

The polls may close at two o'clock.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this first day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

|                 |                                                    |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| W. S. SCHUSTER, | } <i>Selectmen</i><br><i>of</i><br><i>Douglas.</i> |
| W. R. WALLIS,   |                                                    |
| W. L. CHURCH,   |                                                    |

# Report of the Selectmen.

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The Selectmen have drawn orders on the town treasurer for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1909, amounting to \$26,353.36 for the following purposes:

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Schools .....                            | \$8,007 34 |
| Ten highway surveyors.....               | 2,073 07   |
| Cleaning Main street.....                | 9 25       |
| Tools.....                               | 10 00      |
| Sidewalks.....                           | 41 70      |
| Snow roads.....                          | 5 00       |
| Railing highway .....                    | 48 50      |
| Repairs to scraper.....                  | 29 31      |
| Sewer pipe lower village .....           | 41 98      |
| Stone road.....                          | 4,560 24   |
| Support of poor.....                     | 1,250 00   |
| Fire Company.....                        | 374 52     |
| School Physician .....                   | 50 00      |
| Douglas Electric Co.....                 | 1,041 44   |
| State aid .....                          | 857 00     |
| Soldiers and widows relief.....          | 96 00      |
| Suppressing illegal sale of liquor ..... | 50 00      |
| Election expenses .....                  | 88 75      |
| Fire wardens.....                        | 617 50     |

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Assessors .....              | \$283 88          |
| Cattle inspection .....      | 49 75             |
| Meat inspection .....        | 39 00             |
| Contagious diseases .....    | 4 00              |
| James Smith monument .....   | 3,112 69          |
| Dedication monument .....    | 100 60            |
| Debts and interest .....     | 6 10              |
| Bridges .....                | 1,921 87          |
| Samuel Sibley Post .....     | 150 00            |
| Salaries town officers ..... | 525 00            |
| Town clerk .....             | 97 40             |
| Registrars .....             | 60 00             |
| Miscellaneous .....          | 751 47            |
|                              | <hr/> \$26,353 36 |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

|                                                           |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Snow plow .....                                           | \$65 00 |
| Printing Town Reports .....                               | 95 00   |
| Reporting births .....                                    | 23 25   |
| Returning deaths .....                                    | 14 75   |
| Weights and measures .....                                | 112 61  |
| Printing .....                                            | 22 50   |
| Insurance of Poor Farm .....                              | 35 05   |
| Summoning town officers .....                             | 2 40    |
| Town bounds Sutton .....                                  | 11 88   |
| Forest fires, 1907 .....                                  | 2 88    |
| Cleaning Town Hall .....                                  | 4 00    |
| Officers 4th of July .....                                | 7 50    |
| Watching Thayer fire .....                                | 8 00    |
| Water works expense .....                                 | 5 63    |
| Costs of Holbrook case .....                              | 162 29  |
| Expense sale of Walling land .....                        | 25 00   |
| Auditor accounts .....                                    | 29 25   |
| Postal cards and stamped envelopes for<br>collector ..... | 15 07   |
| License and other blanks .....                            | 4 88    |
| Wood for Town Hall .....                                  | 6 00    |

|                              |         |          |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Tree warden.....             | \$ 9 00 |          |
| Mowing cemetery.....         | 12 00   |          |
| Repair town clock.....       | 50 00   |          |
| Dog officer.....             | 8 00    |          |
| Ink .....                    | 50      |          |
| Sealer of weight.....        | 2 85    |          |
| Repairing Town Hall.....     | 1 75    |          |
| Lock-up.....                 | 25      |          |
| Care watering trough... ..   | 5 25    |          |
| Tree pruners.....            | 4 43    |          |
| Perambulating town line..... | 2 50    |          |
| Expense to Boston... ..      | 2 00    |          |
|                              | <hr/>   | \$751 47 |

## BRIDGES.

|                            |          |            |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Gilboa .....               | \$620 50 |            |
| Lovett .. .                | 1,037 38 |            |
| Lower Village.....         | 49 98    |            |
| Cemetery .....             | 112 75   |            |
| Hunt parapet.....          | 58 50    |            |
| Sundries, bolts, etc ..... | 42 76    |            |
|                            | <hr/>    | \$1,921 87 |

## FIRE WARDENS.

|                                |         |          |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|
| U. I. Peters .....             | \$19 40 |          |
| W. S. Jillson .....            | 89 25   |          |
| W. L. Church.....              | 22 50   |          |
| B. L. Morse .....              | 9 00    |          |
| O. F. Chase .....              | 68 40   |          |
| W. E. Schuster.....            | 92 20   |          |
| Palmer Converse.....           | 20 80   |          |
| W. R. Wallis.....              | 232 30  |          |
| Church and Jillson.....        | 22 40   |          |
| H. D. Albee .....              | 3 00    |          |
| L. A. Buffum .....             | 1 80    |          |
| J. W. Wixtead, rakes, etc..... | 36 45   |          |
|                                | <hr/>   | \$617 50 |

## ASSESSORS.

|                          |         |          |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| W. Manahan.....          | \$71 00 |          |
| A. H. Brown and books .. | 113 13  |          |
| L. J. Marsh .....        | 97 50   |          |
| L. J. Marsh, Jr .....    | 2 25    |          |
|                          | <hr/>   | \$283 88 |

## JAMES SMITH MONUMENT.

|                                |          |            |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Love Bro's .....               | \$500 00 |            |
| “ “ .....                      | 2,450 00 |            |
| Grading .....                  | 19 63    |            |
| Printing programs .....        | 7 50     |            |
| Surveying .....                | 8 05     |            |
| Staging ..                     | 7 00     |            |
| Band .....                     | 93 40    |            |
| J. W. Wixtead .....            | 13 91    |            |
| W. R. Wallis, cement, etc..... | 13 20    |            |
| W. S. Jillson.....             | 93 60    |            |
| G. H. Dudley.....              | 7 00     |            |
|                                | <hr/>    | \$3,213 29 |

## STATE AID.

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Wellington Balcome.....   | \$72 00 |
| Charles H. Barton.....    | 48 00   |
| Elmer H. Balcome.....     | 24 00   |
| Horace Belding.....       | 48 00   |
| William H. Cook.....      | 48 00   |
| Charles E. Green.....     | 48 00   |
| Christopher Gazette.....  | 54 00   |
| William H. Marshall ..... | 48 00   |
| John P. Otis.....         | 36 00   |
| Joseph Quinn .....        | 48 00   |
| Chandler Titus.....       | 48 00   |
| Leander Thompson.....     | 48 00   |
| Charles A. Whipple.....   | 48 00   |

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| Dorris B. Young.....         | \$48 00 |          |
| Elisha McKenney.....         | 48 00   |          |
| Mrs. Charles A. Whipple..... | 48 00   |          |
| Dighton Goddard.....         | 36 00   |          |
| Joseph Arnold.....           | 35 00   |          |
| Abby Young.....              | 24 00   |          |
|                              | <hr/>   | \$857 00 |

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Wellington Balcome .... | \$32 00 |
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W. S. SCHUSTER,  
W. R. WALLIS,  
W. L. CHURCH,

*Selectmen of Douglas.*

# Treasurer's Report.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Treasurer.

| 1908.   |                                                           | CR.      |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|         | Charles Labree, court money.....                          | \$11 27  |
|         | E. P. Heath, " " .....                                    | 8 80     |
| Apr. 6  | Selectmen's orders, 467 to 479.....                       | 1,941 61 |
| May 4   | Selectmen's orders, 480 to 503 .....                      | 3,143 19 |
| 30      | Expense burial soldier. Paid W. Church...                 | 2 00     |
|         | Henry D. Mowry, money returned by state,<br>paupers ..... | 30 75    |
| June 1  | State treasurer, one-quarter liquor license..             | 1,000 00 |
|         | Selectmen's orders, 504 to 516 .....                      | 2,753 97 |
| 23      | E. P. Heath, collector, abatements.....                   | 28 45    |
| July 6  | Selectmen's orders, 517 to 531.....                       | 3,444 65 |
|         | E. P. Heath, deputy sheriff, court money....              | 49 91    |
| Aug. 3  | Selectmen's orders, 532 to 541.....                       | 2,593 02 |
| Sept. 1 | Charge collecting check .....                             | 10       |
|         | Selectmen's orders, 542 to 556 .....                      | 3,663 20 |
| Oct. 1  | Edward A. Brown, one-half county tax.....                 | 662 00   |
|         | Charles Labree, officer, court money .....                | 56 92    |
|         | James Fisher, " " " .....                                 | 5 40     |
|         | Edwin P. Heath, " " " .....                               | 62 54    |
|         | J. B. Howard, " " " .....                                 | 23 12    |
|         | Bert Hughes, " " " .....                                  | 6 21     |
|         | Willie Manahan, " " " .....                               | 8 07     |

|        |                                                    |          |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Oct. 1 | Henry D. Mowry, overseer of poor, money re-        |          |
|        | turned by state, Aug. 31, .....                    | \$ 37 90 |
| 5      | Selectmen's orders, 557 to 571 .....               | 1,768 09 |
| Nov. 2 | Selectmen's orders, 572 to 583 .....               | 1,250 42 |
| 16     | Arthur Chapin, state tax .....                     | 2,035 00 |
|        | " " repairs state highway .....                    | 106 25   |
| Dec. 9 | E. P. Heath, discount taxes, 1908 .....            | 245 02   |
|        | " town tax .....                                   | 35 57    |
|        | Selectmen's orders, 584 to 599 .....               | 1,463 09 |
| 1      | Edward A. Brown, balance of county tax .....       | 662 00   |
| 31     | International Trust Co., school note No. 11, ..... | 1,000 00 |
|        | interest on same .....                             | 200 00   |

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|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Jan. 4 | Selectmen's orders, 600 to 612 .....                        | \$1,212 44  |
| 29     | State treasurer, one quarter of druggist's<br>license ..... | 25          |
| 31     | Collecting check sent to bank .....                         | 10          |
| Feb. 1 | Selectmen's orders, 613 to 622 .....                        | 1,012 99    |
| 22     | Selectmen's orders. 623 to 641 .....                        | 2,106 69    |
|        | E. P. Heath, tax collector, abatement .....                 | 176 35      |
|        | H. D. Mowry, money returned by state .....                  | 22 40       |
|        | Library orders, 87 to 110 .....                             | 469 72      |
|        |                                                             | <hr/>       |
|        |                                                             | \$33,299 46 |

1909.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Mar. 1                           | By cash in hands of treasurer ..... | 5,460 78    |
|                                  |                                     | <hr/>       |
|                                  |                                     | \$38,760 24 |
| In trust, Henry Whiting Fund,    |                                     |             |
| Peoples Savings Bank, Wor-       |                                     |             |
| cester, for care of cemetery lot |                                     |             |
|                                  |                                     | \$99 56     |
| In trust, Sarah E. Scott Fund,   |                                     |             |
| People Savings Bank, Wor-        |                                     |             |
| cester, for care of cemetery lot |                                     |             |
|                                  |                                     | 51 00       |
|                                  |                                     | <hr/>       |
|                                  |                                     | \$150 56    |

| 1908.  |                                                                                 | DR.              |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Mar. 1 | Cash on hand . . . . .                                                          | \$5,946 30       |
|        | Smith monument fund . . . . .                                                   | 3,186 30         |
|        |                                                                                 | <hr/> \$9,132 60 |
| 18     | Poor account, city of Fall River . . . . .                                      | 13 50            |
| 21     | School tuition, Edna Leonard . . . . .                                          | 7 00             |
| 31     | A. A. Putnam, justice, court money . . . . .                                    | 29 65            |
|        | Interest on deposits for March . . . . .                                        | 14 70            |
| Apr. 6 | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 19 . . . . .                                        | 171 04           |
|        | Francisco Bowen, undertaker license . . . . .                                   | 1 00             |
| 28     | Nathan Swenson, license No. 522, expires<br>Dec. 1908 . . . . .                 | 8 00             |
| 30     | Joseph Labelle, 1st and 4th class license . . . . .                             | 2,000 00         |
|        | Joseph Derham, 1st and 4th class license . . . . .                              | 2,000 00         |
|        | Amos Goodness, four pool tables license . . . . .                               | 20 00            |
|        | Edward Brown, two " " " " . . . . .                                             | 10 00            |
|        | Interest for April . . . . .                                                    | 10 91            |
|        | Napoleon Bonville, one pool table license . . . . .                             | 5 00             |
| May 5  | Junk pedler's license . . . . .                                                 | 20 00            |
| 11     | Pedler's license, Stoughton Hewett, No. 105,<br>expires April 1, 1909 . . . . . | 8 00             |
| 23     | State treasurer, support of sick paupers . . . . .                              | 36 25            |
| 31     | Interest for May . . . . .                                                      | 10 84            |
| June 1 | Auctioneer's license, W. H. Herendeen . . . . .                                 | 2 00             |
| 24     | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 20, cash abatement . . . . .                        | 165 45           |
| July 1 | A. A. Putnam, court money . . . . .                                             | 9 34             |
|        | Interest for June . . . . .                                                     | 6 75             |
| 8      | City of Boston, school department . . . . .                                     | 6 00             |
| 15     | Pedler's license, Pharhat Farris, No. 402, ex-<br>pires July 15, 1909 . . . . . | 8 00             |
|        | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 1, taxes 1908 . . . . .                             | 885 00           |
| 6      | Forest fire, received from Pelky fire . . . . .                                 | 5 20             |
| 21     | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 2, 1908 . . . . .                                   | 500 00           |
| 23     | " " " 3, " . . . . .                                                            | 1,225 00         |
| 28     | " " " 4, " . . . . .                                                            | 4,000 00         |
| 30     | " " " 5, " . . . . .                                                            | 1,075 00         |
| Aug. 1 | " " " 6, " . . . . .                                                            | 4,100 00         |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Aug. 11                                                                           | Druggist's license, H. C. Holden .....                                                                      | \$ 1 00     |
| 3                                                                                 | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 7, 1908 .....                                                                   | 1,500 00    |
| 13                                                                                | " " " 8, " .....                                                                                            | 730 00      |
|                                                                                   | E. P. Heath, part payment sale George Walling property, sold as per vote of town ..                         | 100 00      |
| 15                                                                                | Interest for July .....                                                                                     | 2 70        |
| 31                                                                                | State treasurer, Arthur Chapin, temporary aid .....                                                         | \$25 90     |
|                                                                                   | State board of charity .....                                                                                | 12 00       |
|                                                                                   | Inspectors of animals .....                                                                                 | 24 89       |
|                                                                                   |                                                                                                             | <hr/> 62 79 |
| Sept. 1                                                                           | Interest on deposit for August .....                                                                        | 15 49       |
| 5                                                                                 | E. P. Heath, balance due for sale of George Walling property .....                                          | 250 00      |
| 14                                                                                | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 9, 1908 .....                                                                   | 889 00      |
| 15                                                                                | Frank Strogoff, license, No. 449, expires Sept. 11 .....                                                    | 8 00        |
| Oct. 1                                                                            | Interest for September .....                                                                                | 12 92       |
|                                                                                   | A. A. Putnam, court money .....                                                                             | 120 79      |
| 3                                                                                 | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 10, 1908 .....                                                                  | 655 00      |
| 5                                                                                 | R. H. Chamberlain, house of correction .... Naseef Abodeely, license, No. 524, expires Sept. 30, 1907 ..... | 10 00       |
|                                                                                   |                                                                                                             | 8 00        |
| 22                                                                                | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 11, 1908 taxes ..                                                               | 500 00      |
| Nov. 2                                                                            | Interest for October .....                                                                                  | 10 01       |
|                                                                                   | E. P. Heath, collector, taxes 1907 ..                                                                       | \$60 10     |
|                                                                                   | Interest .....                                                                                              | 23 84       |
|                                                                                   |                                                                                                             | <hr/> 83 94 |
| (Taxes for 1907 paid in full with exception of B. F. Aldrich, case now in court.) |                                                                                                             |             |
| Nov. 2                                                                            | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 12, 1908 .....                                                                  | \$680 00    |
| 6                                                                                 | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 13, 1908 .....                                                                  | 481 00      |
| 16                                                                                | State treasurer, corporation tax .....                                                                      | 1,205 70    |
|                                                                                   | Bank tax .....                                                                                              | 207 41      |
|                                                                                   | State aid .....                                                                                             | 1,041 00    |
|                                                                                   | Temporary aid .....                                                                                         | 1 40        |

|              |                                                                                                          |             |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Nov. 16      | High School tuition, special cases.....                                                                  | \$500 00    |
| 18           | School tuition, Barnet pupil from Sutton....                                                             | 7 00        |
| 21           | L. S. Aldrich, Uxbridge, check for the town<br>share of money returned by state for<br>school supt. .... | 500 00      |
| Dec. 1       | Interest for November .....                                                                              | 8 86        |
| 9            | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 18 cash.....                                                                 | 750 00      |
|              | Town tax .....                                                                                           | 35 57       |
| 31           | Discount .....                                                                                           | 245 02      |
|              | State treasurer, check temporary aid.....                                                                | 21 00       |
|              | County treasurer, Ed. A. Brown, dog fund ..                                                              | 308 12      |
|              | A. A. Putnam, court money.....                                                                           | 9 82        |
|              | Interest for December .....                                                                              | 10 51       |
| 1909.        |                                                                                                          |             |
| Jan. 4       | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 15, 1908 .....                                                               | 550 00      |
| 27           | State treasurer, money returned for school<br>fund .....                                                 | 868 81      |
| Feb. 21      | Fire damages received from Edward Adams<br>for damage and labor.....                                     | 31 95       |
| 1            | Interest for January .....                                                                               | 7 91        |
|              | Carter's Ink Co., cash returned .....                                                                    | 50          |
| 18           | James E. Meehan, rent town hall .....                                                                    | 15 00       |
| 23           | Forester's, rent town hall, 2 years to April 1,<br>1909.....                                             | 120 00      |
|              | School tuition, Leonard pupil from Sutton                                                                | 14 00       |
|              | E. P. Heath, collector, No. 16.....                                                                      | 517 44      |
|              | " " by abatements.....                                                                                   | 176 35      |
|              |                                                                                                          | <hr/>       |
|              |                                                                                                          | \$38,760 24 |
| 1908.        |                                                                                                          |             |
| Mar. 1       | James Smith Monument Fund .....                                                                          | \$3,186 30  |
|              | Money expended by Committee.....                                                                         | 3,112 69    |
|              |                                                                                                          | <hr/>       |
| Balance..... |                                                                                                          | \$73 61     |

## ASSETS.

|                                            |            |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand .....                         | \$5,460 78 |
| Due from E. B. Knapp, collector, 1896..... | 20 31      |

|                                                                                        |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Due from E. B. Knapp, collector, 1897 .....                                            | \$145 67         |
| “ “ “ 1899 .....                                                                       | 229 90           |
| “ “ “ 1900 .....                                                                       | 254 22           |
| “ “ “ 1901 .....                                                                       | 95 07            |
| Due from E. P. Heath, collector, 1908 .....                                            | 613 78           |
| Due from state for state aid .....                                                     | 852 00           |
| Due from E. P. Heath, collector 1907 taxes of B. F.<br>Aldrich, case now in court..... | 396 70           |
|                                                                                        | <hr/> \$8,068 43 |

## LIABILITIES.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Four school house notes ..... | \$4,000 00 |
|-------------------------------|------------|

WALTER E. SCHUSTER,  
*Town Treasurer.*

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East Douglas, Mass., Feb. 23, 1909.

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Douglas, Mass.*

GENTLEMEN:

I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for the year ending February 29, 1909, and find them to be in good condition. Taxes are well collected and accounted for to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer's cash balance of \$5,460.78 is accounted for as follows:

|                                                    |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| On deposit in National Shawmut Bank of Boston..... | \$4,993 91 |
| Checks undeposited .....                           | 222 79     |
| Cash on hand .....                                 | 244 08     |

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Total cash on hand and in the bank..... \$5,460 78

*Respectfully submitted,*

WM. FRANKLIN HALL, *Auditor.*

Per A. T. Byrnes.

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## 1908.

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### BIRTHS.

|                         |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|
| Whole number.....       |    | 71 |
| Number of males.....    | 37 |    |
| Number of females.....  | 34 |    |
|                         | —  | 71 |
| American parentage..... | 18 |    |
| Foreign parentage.....  | 39 |    |
| Mixed .....             | 14 |    |
|                         | —  | 71 |

### MARRIAGES.

|                           |    |    |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| Whole number.....         |    | 35 |
| American birth.....       | 28 |    |
| Foreign birth.....        | 42 |    |
| Residents of Douglas..... | 57 |    |
| Elsewhere .....           | 13 |    |
| First marriage.....       | 63 |    |
| Second marriage .....     | 6  |    |
| Third marriage .....      | 1  |    |

### DEATHS.

|                   |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|
| Whole number..... |    | 50 |
| Males .....       | 26 |    |
| Females .....     | 24 |    |
|                   | —  | 50 |

|                            |    |    |
|----------------------------|----|----|
| American birth.....        | 43 |    |
| Foreign birth.....         | 7  |    |
|                            | —  | 50 |
| Number under 1 year.....   | 12 |    |
| Between 1 and 5 years..... | 2  |    |
| “ 5 and 10 “.....          | 0  |    |
| “ 10 and 20 “.....         | 2  |    |
| “ 20 and 30 “.....         | 3  |    |
| “ 30 and 40 “.....         | 3  |    |
| “ 40 and 50 “.....         | 3  |    |
| “ 50 and 60 “.....         | 3  |    |
| “ 60 and 70 “.....         | 5  |    |
| “ 70 and 80 “.....         | 10 |    |
| “ 80 and 90 “.....         | 6  |    |
| “ 90 and 100 “.....        | 1  |    |
|                            | —  | 50 |

## DOGS REGISTERED.

|                                   |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Whole number.....                 | 164      |          |
| Males, 147 at \$2.00 .....        | \$294 00 |          |
| Females, 17 at \$5.00 .....       | 85 00    |          |
|                                   | <hr/>    | \$379 00 |
| Less fees, (164 at 20 cts.) ..... |          | 32 80    |
|                                   |          | <hr/>    |
| Paid to County Treasurer. ....    |          | \$346 20 |

J. B. CHAPDELAIN, JR.,

*Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
OF  
Simon Fairfield Public Library

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1908.

DR.

|        |                                         |          |
|--------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Mar. 1 | To balance due from town.....           | \$175 81 |
|        | Balance income Smith fund. . . . .      | 176 43   |
|        | Balance income Fairfield fund . . . . . | 141 32   |
|        |                                         | <hr/>    |
|        | Total balance in favor of Library.....  | \$493 56 |

Income for year as follows :—

|                                 |          |            |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Dog fund.....                   | \$308 12 |            |
| Interest on Keith fund.....     | 8 40     |            |
| Interest on Smith fund.....     | 240 00   |            |
| Interest on Fairfield fund..... | 175 00   |            |
| Received from fines.....        | 11 14    |            |
|                                 | <hr/>    |            |
| Total income.....               |          | \$742 66   |
|                                 |          | <hr/>      |
|                                 |          | \$1,236 22 |

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|                                                                  |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Paid Vera H. Warner, librarian, 13 payments.....                 | \$260 00   |
| Herbert E. Hughes, janitor.....                                  | 60 00      |
| Douglas Electric Co., lighting.....                              | 88 61      |
| Frank E. Jones, coal ....                                        | 149 25     |
| A. Van Leeuwen, Jr., 108 shrubs.....                             | 43 60      |
| B. A. Stockwell, door and window screens ....                    | 32 17      |
| Books. ....                                                      | 163 90     |
| Rebinding books.....                                             | 67 02      |
| Magazines ....                                                   | 27 40      |
| Newspapers.....                                                  | 19 50      |
| Library Bureau, supplies.....                                    | 7 86       |
| Cleaning library .....                                           | 8 50       |
| Express, freight and cartage.....                                | 4 43       |
| Repairing clock.....                                             | 1 00       |
| Chas. E. Horne, sewer construction and water<br>Connection ..... | 63 45      |
| John L. Sullivan, mason work for sewer and water                 | 8 00       |
| Geo. F. Searles & Sons, plumbing, etc.....                       | 26 37      |
| W. R. Wallis, supplies for repairs.....                          | 9 18       |
| A. C. Taylor, painting jets and oiling building..                | 70 00      |
|                                                                  | <hr/>      |
|                                                                  | \$1,110 24 |

1909.

Mar. 1. Unexpended balances as follows:—

|                          |         |            |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| Due from the town ... .. | \$14 21 |            |
| Smith fund.....          | 92 76   |            |
| Fairfield fund .....     | 19 01   |            |
|                          | <hr/>   | \$125 98   |
|                          |         | <hr/>      |
|                          |         | \$1,236 22 |

The library has passed another successful year. Several permanent improvements have been made. A water supply has been added, and the building connected with a sewer, which also provides for taking away all the storm water from the roof. The

metal work of the jets has been painted and the brick work oiled. Window and door screens have been provided, and the grounds have been ornamented by the planting of shrubs.

The library is being much used in connection with our school system, and an addition of books, selected with special reference to the needs of the schools will be made at once.

#### ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Mrs. Royal Keith..... | \$200 00    |
| James Fairfield ..... | 5000 00     |
| James Smith.....      | 6000 00     |
|                       | <hr/>       |
|                       | \$11,200 00 |

CHAS. J. BATCHELLER, *Treasurer.*

# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

# OVERSEERS OF POOR

For Year Ending March 1, 1909.

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LEVI A. BROWN, Supt. of Almshouse.

Personal property at almshouse, as per inventory :

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| March 1, 1908 ..... | \$2,131 50     |
| March 1, 1909 ..... | 2,164 74       |
| Increase .....      | <u>\$33 24</u> |

We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows :

| 1908.  | DR.              | Mar. 1 | Eggs   | \$              | 15   |
|--------|------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|------|
| Mar. 1 | Cash on hand     | \$26   | Apr. 1 | Pan             | 2 00 |
|        | 12 qts. milk     | 60     |        | 21½ qts. milk   | 1 08 |
|        | Labor with team  | 25     |        | 2 bu. potatoes  | 2 00 |
|        | Butter           | 32     |        | Labor with team | 50   |
|        | 2 dinners        | 50     |        | 1 liver         | 25   |
|        | 2 bush. potatoes | 2 00   |        | Syrup of figs   | 45   |

|         |                               |        |         |                 |         |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Apr. 1  | 23 lbs. chicken               | \$2 76 | Oct. 1  | Butter          | \$ 4 30 |
|         | Pork                          | 75     |         | Fowls           | 7 96    |
|         | Dinner                        | 25     |         | Eggs            | 2 20    |
|         | 295 lbs. pork                 | 26 55  |         | Potatoes        | 3 20    |
|         | 4 doz. eggs                   | 80     |         | Squash          | 90      |
|         | Calf                          | 6 00   |         | Cream           | 10      |
|         | Junk                          | 30     | Nov. 1  | Butter          | 5 70    |
|         | Liver                         | 38     |         | Eggs            | 1 61    |
|         | 451 lbs. pork                 | 36 08  |         | Liver           | 25      |
|         | Calf                          | 5 50   |         | Chicken         | 66      |
| May 1   | 21 $\frac{1}{3}$ bu. potato's | 19 00  |         | Pork            | 48 40   |
|         | Milk                          | 3 78   |         | Labor with team | 1 00    |
|         | Butter                        | 2 15   |         | Cream           | 30      |
|         | Eggs                          | 1 15   |         | Junk            | 1 00    |
|         | Board                         | 7 00   |         | Potatoes        | 3 00    |
|         | Beans                         | 10     | Dec. 1  | Butter          | 6 12    |
|         | Dinners                       | 1 75   |         | Eggs            | 25      |
|         | Cream                         | 10     |         | Milk            | 38      |
|         | Labor with team               | 7 90   |         | Chicken         | 40      |
|         | Calf                          | 5 50   |         | Liver           | 25      |
|         | Fowl                          | 75     |         | Pork            | 15 89   |
| June 1  | Eggs                          | 5 43   |         | Potatoes        | 2 25    |
|         | Milk                          | 45     |         | Board           | 3 00    |
|         | Butter                        | 7 36   |         |                 |         |
|         | Labor with team               | 2 00   | 1909.   | DR.             |         |
|         | Fowl                          | 66     | Jan. 1. | Butter          | 4 08    |
| June 1  | Dinner                        | 25     |         | Milk            | 30      |
|         | Cream                         | 05     |         | Potatoes        | 75      |
|         | Pie                           | 10     |         | Dinner          | 25      |
| July 1  | Butter                        | 10 99  |         | Eggs            | 08      |
|         | Eggs                          | 11 33  |         | Turnips         | 25      |
|         | Pies                          | 20     |         | Chicken         | 1 05    |
|         | Milk                          | 9 78   | Feb. 1  | Butter          | 1 92    |
| Aug. 1  | Eggs                          | 8 58   |         | Eggs            | 46      |
|         | Butter                        | 9 10   |         | Fowls           | 1 52    |
|         | Milk                          | 94     |         | Butter          | 96      |
|         | Corn                          | 1 50   |         | Ellen Leach,    |         |
|         | Vinegar                       | 20     |         | board from      |         |
|         | Calf                          | 9 00   |         | Mar. 1, to      |         |
|         | Potatoes                      | 50     |         | Jan. 1          | 119 35  |
| Sept. 1 | Butter                        | 4 76   |         |                 |         |
|         | Milk                          | 1 36   |         |                 |         |
|         | Eggs                          | 3 23   |         |                 |         |
|         | Labor with team               | 50     |         |                 |         |
|         | Vinegar                       | 30     |         |                 |         |

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| 1908.  | Cr.              |       | May 5  |                    |      |
|--------|------------------|-------|--------|--------------------|------|
| Mar. 3 | Ellen Leach,     |       | 6      | O. Chase, labor    | 1 50 |
|        | medicine         | \$ 50 | 7      | " "                | 1 50 |
| 6      | 1 hoe            | 75    | 7      | Joseph Martin, re- |      |
| 30     | T. H. Murphy,    |       |        | pairing clock      | 1 25 |
|        | cash             | 5 08  | 9      | O. Chase, labor    | 75   |
| Apr. 2 | F. F. Young,     |       | 10     | " "                | 1 50 |
|        | fish             | 20    | 10     | Joseph Jenney,     |      |
| 2      | Urban Peters,    |       |        | medicine           | 50   |
|        | doct'ing cow     | 1 25  | 11     | E. Brown, freight  | 25   |
| 3      | W. E. Jones,     |       | 12     | E. Barker          | 50   |
|        | repair'g stove   | 65    |        | Ellen Leach, cloth | 80   |
| 3      | H. Lougee        | 15    | 13     | E. T. Rawson,      |      |
| 3      | John Condon,     |       |        | weeder             | 8 50 |
|        | cash             | 3 75  | 15     | Ellen Leach,       |      |
| 6      | E. T. Rawson,    |       |        | waist and cloth    | 70   |
|        | S eggs           | 97    | 19     | Orlan Chase        | 50   |
| 7      | 1 dish           | 07    |        | John Howard, tea   | 45   |
| 8      | Labor killing    |       | 20     | W. R. Wallis       | 2 70 |
|        | hogs             | 1 95  |        | H. Lougee, 1 horse |      |
| 14     | 1 bx. vanilla    | 30    |        | shoe               | 15   |
|        | 5 lbs. coffee    | 1 00  | 22     | Ellen Leach, cloth | 20   |
|        | Cocoa            | 25    | 23     | " " med.           | 50   |
|        | 1 lb. tea        | 35    | 28     | Orlan Chase        | 50   |
| 15     | Ellen Leach, re- |       | 29     | Orson Chase,       |      |
|        | pairing shoes    | 40    |        | labor              | 1 50 |
| 17     | Cream tatar      | 10    |        |                    |      |
| 23     | M. Benson, kill- |       | 1908.  | Cr.                |      |
|        | ing hogs         | 1 50  | June 2 | John Condon,       |      |
|        | O. Chase, labor  | 1 35  |        | cash               | 4 65 |
| 25     | Castle Hill Farm |       | 3      | John Howard,       |      |
|        | 5 pigs           | 14 00 |        | 5 lbs. coffee      | 1 00 |
| 28     | John Condon,     |       |        | E. Parker          | 50   |
|        | cash             | 4 00  | 5      | Thomas Mur-        |      |
|        | Ellen Leach, re- |       |        | phy, cash          | 4 85 |
|        | pair'g glasses   | 15    | 7      | Ellen Leach,       |      |
| 29     | Urban Peters,    |       |        | medicine           | 50   |
|        | doct'ng horse    | 1 00  | 11     | F. F. Young,       |      |
|        | T. Murphy, cash  | 6 86  |        | fish               | 47   |
|        | O. Chase, labor  | 1 50  |        | Joseph Jenney,     |      |
| 30     | " "              | 1 50  |        | medicine           | 1 00 |
| May    | O. Chase, labor  | 1 50  | 15     | Orlan Chase        | 50   |
| 2      | W. Parker, cow   | 42 50 |        | " "                | 25   |
|        | O. Chase, labor  | 1 50  |        | W. W. Brown,       |      |
| 4      | O. Chase, labor, | 1 50  |        | tomato plants      | 25   |

|         |                                |       |         |                                       |       |
|---------|--------------------------------|-------|---------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| June 15 | John Howard,<br>1 lb. tea      | \$ 35 | Aug. 11 | Extracts                              | \$ 40 |
| 19      | 2 boxes straw-<br>berries      | 25    |         | Orson Chase<br>labor 5 days           | 7 50  |
| 22      | To 28 Orson<br>Chase, labor    | 7 87  | 20      | F. F. Young,<br>fish                  | 20    |
| 29      | John Howard,<br>1 lb. tea      | 35    | 21      | Orson Chase,<br>labor                 | 1 50  |
|         | John Condon,<br>cash           | 4 97  | 24      | E. Parker                             | 25    |
| 29      | Orson Chase,<br>labor          | 1 75  | 28      | Thos. Murphy,<br>cash                 | 4 00  |
| 30      | Orson Chase,<br>labor          | 1 75  | 31      | John Condon,<br>cash                  | 4 50  |
| July 1  | Orson Chase,<br>labor          | 1 75  |         | John Bates,<br>whitening ceil-<br>ing | 60    |
| 2       | Orson Chase,<br>labor          | 50    | Sept. 7 | Coffee, 3 lbs.                        | 65    |
| 3       | Thos. Murphy,<br>cash          | 4 16  | 10      | Tea                                   | 35    |
| 6       | F. F. Young,<br>fish           | 30    | 10      | 1 pk. cranberry                       | 80    |
|         | Orson Chase,<br>labor 8½ days  | 14 87 | 17-25   | Labor 6 days                          | 9 00  |
| 15      | Fred Parks,<br>labor           | 1 35  | 28      | J. W. Wixtead,<br>ice                 | 2 10  |
| 17      | Ellen Leach,<br>medicine       | 50    | 29      | 1 lb. tea, 1 citron                   | 60    |
| 28      | Ginger                         | 10    |         | John Condon,<br>cash                  | 4 60  |
|         | John Condon,<br>cash           | 4 33  |         | James Cully, 3<br>days labor          | 4 50  |
|         | Orson Chase,<br>labor 1½ days  | 2 25  | Oct. 1  | James Cully,<br>labor                 | 1 50  |
|         | Thos. Murphy,<br>cash          | 5 04  |         | Walter Parker,<br>373 ft.             | 7 46  |
| Aug. 1  | Fred Parks,<br>labor 1½ days   | 2 00  | 2       | Thos. Murphy,<br>cash                 | 5 70  |
| 5       | Ellen Leach,<br>sun bonnet     | 50    | 5       | John Howard,<br>3 lbs. coffee         | 75    |
| 6       | John Howard,<br>coffee and tea | 1 00  | 8       | Ellen Leach,<br>10 yds. print         | 70    |
|         | Ellen Leach,<br>medicine       | 50    | 10      | Freight on stove                      | 91    |
| 9       | Joseph Jenney,<br>Dr. 2 visits | 2 50  | 13      | W. E. Jones,                          | 6 15  |
|         |                                |       | 20      | S. Chase                              | 6 00  |
|         |                                |       |         | F. F. Young,<br>fish                  | 60    |
|         |                                |       |         | Fred Parks,<br>labor                  | 35    |
|         |                                |       |         | Ellen Leach,<br>medicine              | 50    |

|        |                                |       |         |                        |                |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------|---------|------------------------|----------------|
| Oct 20 | Ellen Leach,<br>print          | \$ 55 | Dec. 12 | Henry Chase,<br>labor  | \$1 00         |
| Nov. 5 | John Bates,<br>labor           | 1 50  | 28      | 3 lbs. coffee          | 75             |
|        | James Cully,<br>labor          | 75    |         | Ellen Leach,<br>cloth  | 1 00           |
| 12     | John Bates,<br>labor           | 75    | 1909.   |                        |                |
| 13     | Ellen Leach,<br>2 pr. hose     | 50    | Jan. 1  | John Condon,<br>meat   | 5 41           |
|        | 3 lbs. coffee                  | 70    |         | Tea                    | 35             |
| 14     | Ellen Leach,<br>medicine       | 1 00  |         | Extract                | 15             |
|        | John Condon,<br>cash           | 4 67  |         | Fish                   | 20             |
|        | Thos. Murphy,<br>cash          | 7 04  |         | E. N. Jenckes,<br>cash | 65 00          |
| 16     | James Murry,<br>Doctor         | 3 75  |         | J. W. Wixtead,<br>cash | 55 00          |
| 17     | Orlan Chase                    | 1 00  |         | T. J. Murphy,<br>meat  | 1 39           |
| 20     | 2 shoats                       | 12 00 |         | John Condon,<br>meat   | 3 29           |
| 24     | Soap powder<br>and tea         | 1 05  | Feb. 1  | Fred Parks,<br>labor,  | 3 50           |
| Dec. 2 | Walter E. Jones                | 11 51 |         | A. Chase, labor        | 4 00           |
|        | W. R. Wallis                   | 6 27  |         | O. Chase, labor        | 4 00           |
| 4      | Thos. Murphy,<br>cash          | 1 78  |         | Coffee                 | 1 00           |
| 7      | J. Jenney and<br>J. Murry, Dr. | 5 50  |         | T. J. Murphy,<br>meat  | 3 01           |
|        | John Condon,<br>cash           | 2 88  |         | John Condon,<br>meat   | 86             |
| 12     | S. Copp, filing<br>saw         | 20    |         |                        | <hr/> \$475 07 |
|        | Orson Chase,<br>labor          | 50    |         |                        |                |

## 1909.

|        |                                                                                                       |         |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Mar. 1 | Cash in hands Supt. ....                                                                              | \$17 28 |
|        | Bills receivable from Wm. H. Emerson,<br>conservator for Ellen Leach, from Jan. 1,<br>to Mar. 1, .... | \$16 00 |

The Overseers have paid the following bills on almshouse account :

|         |                                         |          |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| 1908.   |                                         |          |
| Apr. 1  | Orson M. Chase, salary to April 1 ..... | \$75 00  |
| 23      | Cotton cloth .....                      | 7 96     |
| May 18  | E. C. Parker, 1 ton fertilizer .....    | 30 00    |
| 22      | Chemicals .....                         | 35       |
| July 8  | Levi A. Brown, salary to July .....     | 87 50    |
| Sept. 7 | 1 stove .....                           | 13 32    |
| Oct. 5  | Levi A. Brown, salary to Oct. 1 .....   | 87 50    |
| 15      | 6 barrels .....                         | 9 00     |
| 1909.   |                                         |          |
| Jan. 1  | Levi A. Brown, salary to Jan. 1 .....   | 87 50    |
| Feb. 20 | James Wixtead .....                     | 112 05   |
|         | E. N. Jenckes .....                     | 137 57   |
|         |                                         | <hr/>    |
|         |                                         | \$647 75 |

#### REPAIRS AT ALMSHOUSE AND BARN.

|         |                               |          |
|---------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1908.   |                               |          |
| June 20 | B. A. Stockwell, labor .....  | \$42 11  |
| July 11 | Wright and Keith, labor ..... | 2 00     |
| 28      | Frank E. Smith, labor .....   | 11 50    |
| Sept. 3 | W. R. Wallis, Lumber .....    | 22 39    |
| 28      | Frank Rawson .....            | 5 65     |
| Oct. 15 | E. A. Gove .....              | 3 50     |
|         | Telephone .....               | 25       |
|         | W. R. Wallis, shingles .....  | 13 72    |
|         |                               | <hr/>    |
|         |                               | \$101 12 |

#### SUMMARY.

|                                                           |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Superintendent has paid for supplies as per this report.. | \$476 68   |
| Overseers have paid out as per report .....               | 647 75     |
|                                                           | <hr/>      |
|                                                           | \$1,124 43 |
| Superintendent, for labor, produce and board .....        | 493 98     |
|                                                           | <hr/>      |
|                                                           | \$630 45   |

Increase as per inventory . . . . . \$33 24

Cost of support of poor at almshouse for this year . . . \$597 21

Number of weeks board of poor, 90.

Cost per week, \$6.63.

Inmates at almshouse, March 1, 1909.

James J. Murry, age 79; Joseph Jenny, died Dec. 4, 1908,  
age 84.

#### OUTSIDE POOR.

|                                                  |         |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Sylvia Wakefield . . . . .                       | \$60 00 |          |
| Mrs. Margaret Duprey . . . . .                   | 48 00   |          |
| Mrs. George Casey . . . . .                      | 51 00   |          |
| Mrs. Bessie Burke . . . . .                      | 19 50   |          |
| Annie Emmons . . . . .                           | 14 00   |          |
| William Prince . . . . .                         | 84 80   |          |
| Joseph P. Casey . . . . .                        | 8 50    |          |
| Eliza Roberts . . . . .                          | 71 70   |          |
| Peter La Vallier . . . . .                       | 20 00   |          |
| Charles H. Hilton . . . . .                      | 10 76   |          |
| Mary Maynard . . . . .                           | 25 00   |          |
| Mary E. Murry . . . . .                          | 7 50    |          |
|                                                  |         | <hr/>    |
|                                                  |         | \$420 76 |
| Poor of Northbridge, Rose LaVallie . . . . .     | \$10 00 |          |
| Due from Fall River, Catherine Boucher . . . . . | \$30 75 |          |
| “ “ “ “ Frederick Boucher . . . . .              | 12 51   |          |
| “ “ “ “ Mrs. Mary Boucher Normandau . . . . .    | 37 53   |          |
| Due from Adams, Agnes Fisher . . . . .           | 7 50    |          |
| Due from Sutton, William B. Metcalf . . . . .    | 5 00    |          |

#### STATE POOR.

|                            |         |         |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Mike Ricci . . . . .       | \$25 90 |         |
| John D. Stenis . . . . .   | 6 00    |         |
| Edward C. Sugdan . . . . . | 21 00   |         |
| Mike Brelanski . . . . .   | 1 40    |         |
|                            |         | <hr/>   |
|                            |         | \$54 30 |

Due from state, Mrs. Muna Oleo . . . . . \$2 00

### LOCK-UP ACCOUNT.

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| William Herendeen, care of lock- |         |
| up from March 1, 1908 to Mar.    |         |
| 1, 1909 . . . . .                | \$25 00 |
| W. A. Scribner, pails . . . . .  | 1 00    |
| Oil . . . . .                    | 13      |

                     \$26 13

Number of tramps for year, 0.

### MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

1908.

|      |    |                                   |        |
|------|----|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Mar. | 3  | Advertising . . . . .             | \$1 25 |
|      | 9  | Edwin T. Rawson . . . . .         | 75     |
|      |    | Expense to Pascoag . . . . .      | 1 50   |
| Apr. | 2  | Expense James Murry . . . . .     | 75     |
|      | 9  | Postage stamps . . . . .          | 1 00   |
|      | 18 | Mike Ricci and family, State Hos- |        |
|      |    | pital . . . . .                   | 9 93   |
| May  | 15 | Expense to Uxbridge . . . . .     | 1 50   |
|      | 19 | John D. Stenis . . . . .          | 1 25   |
|      | 20 | Team . . . . .                    | 75     |
|      | 22 | Expense to Oxford . . . . .       | 2 00   |
| July | 8  | Pauper case . . . . .             | 1 25   |
|      | 11 | Frederick Allen, aid . . . . .    | 1 50   |
|      | 20 | Telephoning . . . . .             | 25     |
|      |    | To Boston, pauper case . . . . .  | 2 50   |
| Aug. | 28 | Pauper case . . . . .             | 1 35   |
|      |    | Postage stamps . . . . .          | 1 78   |
|      |    | Uxbridge pauper case . . . . .    | 1 50   |
| Oct. | 21 | Margaret Burke . . . . .          | 1 00   |
|      | 23 | Webster pauper case . . . . .     | 1 75   |
| Dec. | 9  | James Elvin . . . . .             | 3 00   |
|      |    | Team . . . . .                    | 75     |
|      | 29 | To Sutton, pauper case . . . . .  | 1 50   |
|      |    | E. T. Rawson . . . . .            | 3 00   |

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|      |    |                                   |         |         |
|------|----|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Jan. | 5  | Kanol Hanak, State Hospital . . . | \$ 5 45 |         |
|      |    | Joseph Jenney, burial . . . . .   | 22 00   |         |
|      | 7  | Charles Sylan . . . . .           | 75      |         |
|      | 29 | Book . . . . .                    | 60      |         |
| Feb. | 20 | D. B. Needham . . . . .           | 1 00    |         |
|      |    | Team . . . . .                    | 1 00    |         |
|      |    | Team . . . . .                    | 2 25    |         |
|      |    |                                   |         | <hr/>   |
|      |    |                                   |         | \$74 86 |

## AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

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|      |    |                                  |          |
|------|----|----------------------------------|----------|
| Mar. |    | Cash on hand . . . . .           | \$4 04   |
|      |    | Received from Town Treasurer .   | 1,150 00 |
| Apr. | 9  | Received of Frank Amadon . . .   | 5 00     |
| July | 28 | Received of Frank E. Smith . . . | 7 61     |
| Dec. | 3  | Received of Town of Northbridge  | 10 00    |

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|                                           |    |                                                                                                                   |        |            |
|-------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Jan.                                      | 2  | Received from William H. Emerson, conservator for Ellen M. Leach care from Jan. 4, 1907 to Jan. 2, 1908 . . . . . | 147 27 |            |
|                                           | 25 | Received from William H. Emerson, conservator for Ellen M. Leach care Jan. 2, 1908, to March 1, 1908 . . . . .    | 22 77  |            |
|                                           |    |                                                                                                                   |        |            |
| Received from State by town treasurer . . |    |                                                                                                                   | 91 05  |            |
|                                           |    |                                                                                                                   |        | <hr/>      |
|                                           |    |                                                                                                                   |        | \$1,437 74 |

## RECAPITULATION.

|                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid on account of poor at almshouse . . . | \$647 75 |
| Outside poor . . . . .                     | 420 76   |
| State poor . . . . .                       | 54 30    |
| Poor of Fall River . . . . .               | 80 79    |
| Poor of Adams . . . . .                    | 7 50     |

|                            |         |            |
|----------------------------|---------|------------|
| Poor of Sutton.....        | \$ 5 00 |            |
| Poor of Northbridge.....   | 10 00   |            |
| Lock-up.....               | 26 13   |            |
| Miscellaneous .....        | 74 86   |            |
| Due from State.....        | 2 00    |            |
| Repairs on almshouse ..... | 101 12  |            |
| Cash on hand.....          | 7 53    |            |
|                            | <hr/>   | \$1,437 74 |

The Overseers have received for their services :

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Henry D. Mowry.. .. | \$100 00 |
| E. T. Rawson. ....  | 25 00    |
| Orlan T. Chase..... | 25 00    |

|                  |   |                                   |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| HENRY D. MOWRY,  | } | <i>Overseers<br/>of<br/>Poor.</i> |
| EDWIN T. RAWSON, |   |                                   |
| ORLAN F. CHASE,  |   |                                   |

I have examined the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor and find them correct.

W. H. COOK, *Auditor.*

Annual Report of WILLIE R. WALLIS, Agent  
ON THE  
Devise of Moses Wallis  
TO TOWN OF DOUGLAS,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1909.

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The Agent has charged himself with amounts due the town March 1, 1909, as follows :

|                                                                |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Notes due the town.....                                        | \$4,832 55  |
| Accrued interest on notes.....                                 | 294 19      |
| Deposited Rhode Island Hospital Trust<br>Co. and interest..... | 26,639 99   |
| Cash in hands of Agent.....                                    | 219 50      |
|                                                                | \$31,986 23 |

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|          |                             |          |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Mar. 1   | Cash in hands of Agent..... | \$219 50 |
| 27       | Salina Casey.....           | 30 00    |
| 27       | John Vallier.....           | 18 00    |
| Apr. 1   | Mary A. Reynolds.....       | 15 00    |
| July 1   | Mary A. Reynolds.....       | 104 31   |
| Sept. 25 | E. M. Southwick.....        | 30 00    |
| 26       | John D. Darling.....        | 20 00    |

|         |                          |         |                |
|---------|--------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Oct. 13 | Vesta H. Balcome.....    | \$ 7 50 |                |
| 19      | Potter M. Bates.....     | 9 00    |                |
| Nov. 9  | Emma J. Brown.....       | 10 00   |                |
| 18      | John D. Darling .....    | 10 12   |                |
| 1909.   |                          |         |                |
| Feb. 20 | Susan V. Thayer.....     | 22 00   |                |
|         | Frank Duval.....         | 39 00   |                |
| 22      | Salina Casey.....        | 30 00   |                |
|         | David and Amos Lunn..... | 30 00   |                |
| 26      | Joseph T. Arnold.....    | 12 00   |                |
| 27      | Charles F. Rawson.....   | 12 00   |                |
|         | Emma J. Brown.....       | 17 00   |                |
|         | Susan V. Thayer... ..    | 3 00    |                |
| Mar. 1  | Phebe Young. ....        | 30 00   |                |
|         |                          |         | <hr/> \$638 43 |

The Agent has paid out as follows:

|         |                                                        |          |                |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| 1908.   |                                                        |          |                |
| Mar. 28 | Deposited Rhode Island Hospi-<br>tal Trust Co. . . . . | \$267 50 |                |
| July 1  | Discharge of mortgage. ....                            | 25       |                |
| 17      | Deposited Rhode Island Hospi-<br>tal Trust Co.....     | 119 31   |                |
| Nov. 18 | Discharge of mortgage.....                             | 25       |                |
| 1909.   |                                                        |          |                |
| Mar. 1  | Agent care of Devise.....                              | 75 00    |                |
|         |                                                        |          | <hr/> \$462 31 |

#### NOTES DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1909.

| Maker of Note    | Paid by             | Accrued Int. | Principal |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Joseph T. Arnold | Arthur L. Putnam    |              | \$200 00  |
| Preserved Alger  | Russell H. Baton    | \$12 00      | 100 00    |
| Emma J. Brown    |                     | 13 13        | 150 00    |
| Vesta H. Balcome | Wellington Balcome  | 3 64         | 125 00    |
| Potter M. Bates  | John C. F. Bates    | 3 35         | 150 00    |
| Salina Casey     | Ordeal Casey, admr. | 3 30         | 500 00    |

| Maker of Note.      | Paid by          | Accrued Int. | Principal  |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|
| Frank Duval         |                  | \$ 8 02      | \$125 00   |
| Frank Duval         |                  | 20 65        | 300 00     |
| Joel Glover         | Sarah Duffo      | 14 30        | 200 00     |
| David and Amos Lunn | David Lunn       | 10 33        | 500 00     |
| Charles F. Rawson   |                  | 21 30        | 200 00     |
| Mary A. Reynolds    |                  | 9 30         | 250 00     |
| Edward M. Southwick | William H. Evans | 17 00        | 500 00     |
| Susan V. Thayer     |                  | 58 42        | 500 00     |
| John Vallier        | Agnes Gauvin     | 18 45        | 300 00     |
| Maria C. Wood       |                  | 10 75        | 100 00     |
| Phebe Young         |                  | 35 75        | 500 00     |
|                     |                  | <hr/>        | <hr/>      |
|                     |                  | \$259 69     | \$4,700 00 |

## RECAPITULATION.

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|        |                                 |         |          |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Mar. 1 | Cash in hands of Agent.....     | \$75 50 |          |
|        | Cash received during the year.. | 448 93  |          |
|        |                                 | <hr/>   | \$668 43 |
|        | Cash paid out during the year.. | \$75 50 |          |
|        | Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co..   | 386 81  |          |
|        | Cash in hands of Agent.....     | 206 12  |          |
|        |                                 | <hr/>   | \$668 43 |

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|                            |                               |            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Mar. 1                     | Notes due the town.....       | \$4,700 00 |             |
|                            | Accrued interest.....         | 259 96     |             |
|                            | Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.. |            |             |
|                            | and interest to date.....     | 28,109 15  |             |
|                            | Cash in hands of Agent.....   | 206 12     |             |
|                            |                               | <hr/>      | \$33,274 96 |
| Value of                   | Devises March 1, 1908.....    |            | 31,986 83   |
| Net gain for the year..... |                               |            | <hr/>       |
|                            |                               |            | \$1,288 13  |

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE R. WALLIS, *Agent.*

REPORT OF  
TAX COLLECTOR  
FOR 1908.

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Douglas, March 1st, 1909.

The Assessors of Douglas for the year 1908 committed to me the Collector's book with warrant to collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the said town of Douglas the sum of..... \$20,108 26

|                                                                                                    |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| I have collected and paid over to the Treasurer in cash, discounts and abatements the sum of ..... | 19,494 38 |
|                                                                                                    | \$618 88  |
| Cash collected since March 1, 1909.....                                                            | 187 70    |
|                                                                                                    | \$426 18  |
| Leaving balance uncollected to March 1, 1909..                                                     | \$426 18  |
| Interest collected on taxes to March 1, 1909....                                                   | \$13 00   |

By vote of the town March 1902, the names of all delinquent tax payers are to be printed in the town report, and are as follows :

E. P. HEATH, *Collector.*

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

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In this department the prices for labor, per hour, are: Surveyors, 20c; 2 horses on cart, 20c; 1 horse on cart,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c; 2 horses on scraper, 30c; laborers, men 15c, boys  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c; man driving scraper  $17\frac{1}{2}$ c.

GUSTAVUS H. DUDLEY, District No. 1.

|                             |         |                                 |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| G. H. Dudley, 227 h         | \$45 40 | Paul Manning, 10 h              | \$ 1 50 |
| Two horses on cart,         |         | Two horses and cart,            |         |
| 231 h                       | 46 20   | 20 h                            | 4 00    |
| Six horses on scraper,      |         | Alphonse Chase, 115 h           | 17 25   |
| 20 h                        | 18 00   | Ralph Putnam, $45\frac{1}{2}$ h | 6 83    |
| 4 horses on scraper,        |         | A. P. Dudley, 204 h             | 30 60   |
| 45 h                        | 27 00   | Jim Blay, 55 h                  | 8 25    |
| Wm. H. Dudley, driver       |         | Walter Buxton, 95 h             | 14 25   |
| on scraper, 45 h            | 7 87    | John Metcalf, 115 h             | 17 25   |
| Jim Blay driver on scraper, |         | John Deliany, 36 h              | 5 40    |
| 20 h                        | 3 50    | Wm. H. Dudley, 58 h             | 8 70    |
| Raymond Dudley, 30 h        | 4 50    | Edgar Sedan, 100 h              | 15 00   |
| Two horses and cart,        |         | Fred Mathewson, 5 h             | 75      |
| 30 h                        | 6 00    | Wm. Metcalf, 15 h               | 2 25    |
| Phill Manning, 30 h         | 4 50    | John Daley, 33 h                | 4 95    |
| 1 horse and cart, 10 h      | 1 25    | Fred Matherson, 15 h            | 3 00    |

|                                           |                |                    |         |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|
| Arthur Putnam, gravel,<br>120 loads       | \$ 6 00        | O. S. Chase, 16 h  | \$ 2 40 |
| Paul Manning, 18 h                        | 90             | John Deliany, 10 h | 1 50    |
| G. H. Dudley, 35 h                        | 1 75           | Paul Manning, 8 h  | 1 20    |
| Frank Wellman, 8 h                        | 40             | 1 horse, 8 h       | 1 00    |
|                                           |                | John Daley, 8 h    | 1 20    |
|                                           |                | Wm. Peat, 8 h      | 1 20    |
|                                           | <hr/> \$313 25 |                    | <hr/>   |
| Feb. 17-18, 1909, cutting<br>out highway. |                |                    | \$11 75 |

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| G. H. Dudley, 10 h | \$ 2 00 |
| 1 horse, 10 h      | 1 25    |

## U. I. PETERS, District No. 2.

|                                            |                |                                                 |         |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| U. I. Peters, 194 h                        | \$ 38 80       | Snow Roads in District No. 2.                   |         |
| Team, 159 h                                | 31 80          | U. I. Peters, 8 h                               | \$1 60  |
| A. Roberts, 122 h                          | 18 30          | H. A. Peters, 8 h                               | 1 20    |
| A. Humes, 40 h                             | 6 00           | C. Dudley, 8 h                                  | 1 20    |
| C. Church, 5 h                             | 75             | U. I. Peters, 1 horse, 8 h                      | 1 00    |
| O. Roberts, 138 h                          | 20 70          |                                                 | <hr/>   |
| R. Humes, 30 h                             | 4 50           |                                                 | \$5 00  |
| P. Bryant, 30 h                            | 4 50           | Carting Stone on Causeway in<br>District No. 2. |         |
| D. Roberts, 20 h                           | 3 00           | U. I. Peters, 80 h                              | \$16 00 |
| P. Dudley, 30 h                            | 4 50           | Team, 80 h                                      | 16 00   |
| C. Dudley, 60 h                            | 9 00           | H. A. Peters, 80 h                              | 12 00   |
| G. Burke, 30 h                             | 4 50           | D. Roberts, 80 h                                | 12 00   |
| G. Roberts, 40 h                           | 6 00           | A. Humes, 50 h                                  | 7 50    |
| U. I. Peters, 2 horses on<br>scraper, 30 h | 9 00           | C. Dudley, 25 h                                 | 3 75    |
| G. Dudley, 4 horses on<br>scraper, 30 h    | 18 00          | G. Roberts, 20 h                                | 3 00    |
| H. A. Peters, 95 h                         | 14 25          | Team, 1 horse cart,<br>20 h                     | 2 50    |
| Holding scraper, 30 h                      | 6 00           | C. Dudley, 1 horse cart,<br>20 h                | 2 50    |
| W. L. Church, 16 loads<br>gravel           | 80             |                                                 | <hr/>   |
| J. Forget, 5 loads gravel                  | 25             |                                                 | \$75 25 |
| O. J. Peters, 14 h                         | 2 10           |                                                 |         |
| Manchaug blacksmith re-<br>pairing scraper | 2 65           |                                                 |         |
| Mistake in last years ac-<br>count         | 60             |                                                 |         |
| Supplies                                   | 3 00           |                                                 |         |
|                                            | <hr/> \$209 00 |                                                 |         |

## LAFAYETTE TAFT, District No. 3.

Total..... \$274 47

## ORLAN F. CHASE, District No. 4.

|                        |         |                          |          |
|------------------------|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| Orlan F. Chase, 181 h  | \$36 20 | Myron B. Chase, 59 loads |          |
| Horses on cart, 35 h   | 7 00    | gravel                   | \$2 95   |
| 26 ft. boards          | 65      | Wm. Humphry, 35 h        | 5 25     |
| Leroy Converse, 104 h  | 15 60   | 20 loads gravel          | 1 00     |
| Elwin S. Chase, 81 h   | 12 15   | Henry Chase, 39 h        | 5 85     |
| A. E. Chapman, 68 h    | 10 20   | Horses on cart, 35 h     | 7 00     |
| Horses on cart, 12 h   | 2 40    | Sewell E. Chase, 15 h    | 2 25     |
| 38 loads gravel        | 1 90    | Edrastus Chase, 35 h     | 5 25     |
| Alfred L. Parker, 17 h | 2 55    | Horses on cart, 35 h     | 7 00     |
| Horses on cart, 15 h   | 3 00    | Duty Caswell, 30 h       | 4 50     |
| 75 loads gravel        | 3 75    |                          |          |
| H. T. Barton, 15 h     | 2 25    |                          | \$155 05 |
| Myron B. Chase, 109 h  | 16 35   |                          |          |

## WILLIE JARVIS, District No. 5.

Total..... \$100 50

## F. J. KENYON, District No. 6.

|                             |         |                           |          |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------------|----------|
| F. J. Kenyon, 66 h          | \$13 20 | scraper, 20 h             | \$6 00   |
| 1 horse, 51 h               | 5 60    | W. R. Wallis, 1 iron bar  | 1 28     |
| 116 h                       | 23 20   | Charlie Maynard, 12 loads |          |
| 2 horses, 96 h              | 16 10   | gravel                    | 60       |
| John Dolbeer, 108 h         | 16 20   | Mrs. Burlingame, 12 loads |          |
| Roy Kenyon, 149 h           | 22 35   | gravel                    | 60       |
| Myron Chase, 20 h           | 3 00    | Benjamin Thompson, 11     |          |
| George Snow, 55 h           | 6 88    | loads gravel              | 55       |
| Charlie Maynard, 48 h       | 7 20    | W. R. Wallis, 1 bush      |          |
| F. J. Kenyon, 3 horses on   |         | scythe                    | 80       |
| scraper, 10 h               | 4 50    | F. J. Kenyon, 5 h         | 1 00     |
| Fred Parker driving 4 hors- |         | 1 horse, 8 h              | 80       |
| es, 20 h                    | 3 50    | Willie Kenyon, 8 h        | 1 20     |
| 2 horses on scraper,        |         | David Lund, 9 h           | 1 35     |
| 20 h                        | 6 00    |                           |          |
| F. J. Kenyon, 2 horses on   |         |                           | \$141 91 |

## W. E. CARPENTER, District No. 7.

|                        |         |                            |          |
|------------------------|---------|----------------------------|----------|
| W. E. Carpenter, 232 h | \$46 40 | Dick Georgeson, 17 h       | \$ 2 55  |
| Horse, cart and plough |         | Manchaug Co., 82 loads     |          |
| 190 h                  | 23 75   | of gravel                  | 4 10     |
| 112 loads gravel       | 5 60    | Olney Guesting, 9 loads    |          |
| Chestnut plank         | 1 48    | gravel                     | 45       |
| O. Harvey, 265½ h      | 39 82   | W.R. Wallis, 6 lbs. spikes |          |
| John Kelly, 140 h      | 21 00   | 96" chestnut timber        | 2 61     |
| Thomas Kelly, 30 h     | 4 50    | H. N. Lougee, sharpen-     |          |
| St. Andre, 45 h        | 6 75    | ing tools                  | 1 05     |
| Horse and cart, 45 h   | 5 63    |                            |          |
| Ed. Carpenter, 175 h   | 26 25   |                            | \$196 44 |
| Fred Lunn, 30 h        | 4 50    |                            |          |

## M. W. SOUTHWICK, District No. 8.

|                            |       |                            |          |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|
| L. Buffum, 7 loads gravel  | \$ 70 | H. Hindon, 60 h            | \$ 9 00  |
| C. Maynard, 14 loads       |       | C. Maynard, 25 h           | 3 75     |
| gravel                     | 70    | F. Kenyon, 25 h            | 3 75     |
| C. Lambert, 31 h           | 4 65  | Horses on scraper, 25 h    | 7 50     |
| C. Stearns, 168 h          | 25 20 | F. Parker, horses on scra- |          |
| 23 loads gravel            | 1 15  | per, 25 h                  | 7 50     |
| E. Stowe, 167 h            | 25 05 | Driving horses on          |          |
| W. Martin, 56 h            | 8 40  | scraper, 25 h              | 4 37     |
| D. Dudley, horses on cart, |       | M. Southwick, horse on     |          |
| 116 h                      | 23 20 | cart, 86 h                 | 10 75    |
| M. Southwick, 260 h        | 52 00 |                            |          |
| J. Adams, 35 h             | 5 25  |                            | \$192 92 |

## PALMER CONVERSE, District No. 9.

|                          |        |                             |         |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Theodore Hall, 10 h      | \$1 50 | F. M. Draper, 10 h          | \$ 1 50 |
| Robert Lunn, 30 h        | 4 50   | Oliver Roberts, 30 h        | 4 50    |
| Thomas Hodgkins, 10 h    | 1 50   | Palmer Converse, 2 horses   |         |
| John Nelson, 9 h         | 1 35   | 120 h                       | 24 00   |
| John McGrath, 40 h       | 6 00   | Dan Rogers, 30 h            | 4 50    |
| Philip Bruley, horse and |        | Harry Pine, 3½ h            | 56      |
| cart, 40 h               | 5 00   | Patrick Demody, 10 h        | 1 50    |
| Frank Francis, 195 h     | 29 25  | Mitchell Foster, 10 h       | 1 50    |
| Joe Francis, 40 h        | 6 00   | Henry Jarvis, driving       |         |
| William Bruley, 50 h     | 7 50   | scraper, 30 h               | 5 25    |
| Geo. Seymour, 70 h       | 10 50  | 4 horses on scraper,        |         |
| Palmer Converse, 283 h   | 56 60  | 30 h                        | 18 00   |
| 1 horse, 133 h           | 16 63  | Smith Vickers, 5 hrs. labor | 75      |

|                        |          |                         |         |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------|
| Geo. Gauvin, 60 h      | \$ 9 00  | Henry Lambert, 10 h     | \$ 1 50 |
| Joe Gokie, 10 h        | 1 50     | Geo. Seymour, 10 h      | 1 50    |
| F. F. Young, 110 loads |          | Doc Frank, 8 h          | 1 20    |
| gravel                 | 5 50     | Frank Francis, 40 h     | 6 00    |
| Henry Jarvis and team, |          | Chas. Bennett and team, |         |
| 60 h                   | 21 00    | 10 h                    | 3 50    |
| Man and team, 60 h     | 17 50    | Palmer Converse, 70 h   | 14 00   |
| E. Frank, 12½ h        | 1 88     | 2 horses, 30 h          | 6 00    |
| Lyman Arnold, 25 h     | 3 75     | 1 horse, 40 h           | 5 00    |
|                        | <hr/>    |                         | <hr/>   |
|                        | \$268 52 |                         | \$41 70 |
| Sidewalks.             |          |                         |         |
| Charles Scradia, 20 h  | \$3 00   |                         |         |

## H. C. METCALF, District No. 10.

|                           |         |                             |          |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------|
| H. C. Metcalf, 127 h      | \$25 40 | G. Dudley, team on scraper, |          |
| Horse and cart, 103 h     | 12 87   | 15 h                        | \$4 50   |
| A. L. Metcalf, 113 h      | 16 95   | Team on scraper, 5 h        | 1 00     |
| F. Chappell, 102 h        | 15 30   | Put Dudley, 20 h            | 3 00     |
| G. Maich, 55 h            | 8 25    | F. Smith, 12 h              | 2 10     |
| A. Brown, 45 h            | 6 75    | G. Pelicy, 30 h             | 4 50     |
| M. Hathaway, 45 h         | 6 75    | W. R. Wallis, 2 spades      | 2 00     |
| T. Hutchins, 20 h         | 3 00    | Bush snath                  | 85       |
| C. Bennett, team on scra- |         |                             | <hr/>    |
| per, 15 h                 | 4 50    |                             | \$123 72 |
| Team on scraper, 30 h     | 6 00    |                             |          |

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE  
Year Ending March 1, 1909



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WHITINSVILLE, MASS.:  
PRESS OF EAGLE PRINTING CO.  
1909.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES BENNETT.....      | Term expires March 1, 1909 |
| GILBERT W. ROWLEY.....    | “ “ “ 1909                 |
| THOMAS H. MEEK .....      | “ “ “ 1909                 |
| CHAS. J. BATCHELLER ..... | “ “ “ 1910                 |
| WILLIAM L. CHURCH.....    | “ “ “ 1910                 |
| WILLIE MANAHAN .....      | “ “ “ 1910                 |
| EDWARD T. BUXTON .....    | “ “ “ 1911                 |
| FRANK E. JONES .....      | “ “ “ 1911                 |
| LUCIUS J. MARSH .....     | “ “ “ 1911                 |

## SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE

L. J. MARSH                      EDWARD T. BUXTON                      G. W. ROWLEY

## PURCHASING AGENT

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER

## TRUANT OFFICER

A. B. SIMMONS

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

1908-09



## FALL TERM

All schools opened September 8, 1908 and closed December 18.

## WINTER TERM

High school opened December 28, 1908. Elementary schools opened January 4, 1909. All schools close March 19.

## SPRING TERM, RECOMMENDED

High school opens March 29 and closes June 25. Elementary schools open April 5 and close June 11.

## LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR

Elementary schools 36 weeks. High school 40 weeks.

## NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Three blasts of the whistle at 7.45 a. m. indicate "no school" for the morning session.

Three blasts of the whistle at 11.15 a. m. indicate "no school" for the afternoon session.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

|                                                                           |            |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Appropriations for public schools including transportation of pupils..... | \$5,500 00 |                  |
| Books and supplies .....                                                  | 350 00     |                  |
| For superintendent.....                                                   | 360 00     |                  |
| For school physician.....                                                 | 50 00      |                  |
| For repair of school houses .....                                         | 200 00     |                  |
| Town school fund.....                                                     | 56 48      |                  |
| State School fund .....                                                   | 868 81     |                  |
| State, for high school "special" .....                                    | 500 00     |                  |
| State, for superintendent.....                                            | 500 00     |                  |
| For tuition.....                                                          | 34 00      |                  |
| Balance unexpended last year.....                                         | 517 70     |                  |
|                                                                           |            | <hr/> \$8,936 99 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Teachers.....       | \$4,694 25 |
| Janitors.....       | 615 85     |
| Superintendent..... | 660 00     |
| Transportation..... | 408 50     |
| Fuel .....          | 707 14     |

|                                  |          |            |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Books and supplies appropriation | \$350 00 |            |
| Balance from last year . . .     | 5 98     |            |
| State school fund . . . . .      | 88 21    |            |
|                                  | <hr/>    |            |
|                                  | \$444 19 |            |
| Expended . . . . .               | \$444 19 |            |
| Repairs . . . . .                | 239 33   |            |
| General expenses . . . . .       | 198 08   |            |
| School Physician . . . . .       | 50 00    |            |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$8,017 34 |
|                                  |          | <hr/>      |
| Balance unexpended . . . . .     |          | \$919 65   |

LUCIUS J. MARSH,  
EDWARD T. BUXTON,  
GILBERT W. ROWLEY.

# Superintendent's Report.

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*To the School Committee of Douglas.*

GENTLEMEN:—I cannot better preface this my first report as superintendent of your schools than by expressing my appreciation of the progressive attitude of both you and the townspeople as a whole toward them. On every hand there is found a disposition to co-operate and make the schools as good as possible, and as a result of this disposition manifesting itself in the past as well as at present, I do not think it too much to say that, size and means considered, the Town of Douglas has schools, both as to equipment and as to excellence in the kind of work done, in which it may justly take some little degree of pride. They are however, still far from being as good as they might be. To make them more nearly such is the task that confronts us.

## ENROLMENT.

The total enrolment of the ten schools of the town for the year ending last June was 385, which compared with that of the preceding year, 359, shows a net gain of 26. The enrolment at the present time is 325, 23 greater than the average membership for last year. These figures seem to indicate a tendency toward increase in the number of school children to be provided for.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY.

One of the surest signs of a good school system is regular and punctual attendance. The per cent. of attendance for last year, according to the registers was 92, and for the four school months ending Jan. 16 of this year, slightly over 90. This means that on an average one-tenth of the pupils have been out of school all the time. While there has been perhaps an unusual amount of sickness, much of the absence has been without doubt unnecessary.

The average number of tardinesses per pupil last year was 2.15.

This number as well as the number of absences is larger than it should be. Special efforts, therefore, are being put forth to improve both the attendance and punctuality. One of the means used is the monthly attendance bulletins sent around to each school to be hung upon the wall. These bulletins show in large figures the per cent. obtained by the school, its resulting rank in building, town and district, and the number of tardinesses and unnecessary absences. The rank of the several schools in attendance and punctuality for last year may be seen from an examination of Table B.

## COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The course of study has been in use for several years and needs revision to fit conditions favoring promotion directly from the 8th grade to the high school. In making the revision, it seems to me that it would be desirable to arrange for longer and more thorough reviews at the end of the year, particularly in the subjects of Language, Grammar and Arithmetic. If this were done it would be much easier for well qualified pupils to obtain double promotion without leaving any important work undone, as such pupils might readily omit the review work of their own grade and take that of the grade ahead of them. Such a plan it seems to me would serve to make the system much more elastic, making it easier for pupils to pass along according to their fitness to do so, and result in a better grading of the schools and consequent better work all around.

## TEACHERS.

Good teachers are necessary in order to have good schools, and good salaries are necessary in order to have good teachers, excepting in those few instances where towns take advantage of local teachers of worth and experience to hire them for less than their services would command elsewhere. I am pleased therefore to note that the attitude of the town toward its teachers is becoming more liberal and that the recommendation of the superintendent last year that a higher maximum be paid, especially to the grade teachers, was acted upon favorably. It has served so far only to do justice to several experienced and efficient local teachers, but its fruit should be apparent later in making the teaching force as a whole more efficient and permanent and in making it possible to fill vacancies to much better advantage. We cannot have too good teachers, and using the same degree of judgment, the more we pay, the better teachers we shall have. The town should make an effort to pay at least the average wage paid elsewhere.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

At the beginning of the fall term a new course of study, following very closely one already suggested to the committee by State Agent J. W. MacDonald, was carefully prepared, and by taking the entire time of the school assistant, put into immediate operation; and it is believed that as a result, the work of the school is now fairly well standardized, all the usual high school courses being offered and an opportunity afforded students who are willing to apply themselves, to prepare for advanced institutions. The school needs building up in science work, however, and this can only be done by providing laboratory facilities and apparatus. Convenient floor space has been provided through the courteous changing about of their rooms by several of the teachers so as to allow the high school to have the room immediately adjacent to it. A part of this room will, of course, be used for recitation purposes, but the remaining part should be screened off, and provided with table and as means allow, with laboratory equipment. At the present time

chemical apparatus and supplies are especially needed to enable the large class in chemistry under the direction of the principal to actually perform the experiments themselves. Strong work in science can be done even in the small high school, and the present principal is well qualified and interested to do it, but it cannot be done systematically and to good advantage with the present equipment.

### HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY.

NOTE. The first figure means the number of recitations per week, the number following the + hours of individual work to be reported upon to the teacher, and occasionally subjected to examination. The next figure indicates the number of diploma credits allowed.

#### FIRST YEAR.

|                      |   |   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Algebra .....        | 4 | 4 |
| Science.....         | 3 | 3 |
| American Lit. ....   | 2 | 2 |
| Composition .....    | 1 | 1 |
| Latin .....          | 4 | 4 |
| Ancient History..... | 3 | 3 |

Commercial Paper, Arithmetic and Penmanship may be taken instead of the Latin, and count the same.

#### SECOND YEAR.

|                                        |       |      |
|----------------------------------------|-------|------|
| English History and Literature.....    | 3 + 1 | 4    |
| Oral Reading .....                     | 1     | 1    |
| Composition and Grammar.....           | 1     | 1    |
| Geometry .. . . .                      | 4     | 4    |
| Science, Physiology and Botany.. . . . | 3 + 1 | 4    |
| Latin .....                            | 3 + 2 | 3. 5 |

Single Entry Bookkeeping may be taken instead of Latin, 2 periods of recitation and 2 of outside work and count the same.

## THIRD YEAR

|                                       |       |      |
|---------------------------------------|-------|------|
| U. S. History and Literature.....     | 3 + 1 | 4    |
| English Literature.....               | 2     | 2    |
| Composition and Rhetoric.....         | 1 + 1 | 1, 2 |
| Latin ...                             | 3 + 2 | 3, 5 |
| French .....                          | 3 + 1 | 4    |
| Astronomy and Physical Geography..... | 3     | 3    |

Instead of Latin, Commercial Arithmetic or Typewriting may be taken for 3 periods per week.

## FOURTH YEAR.

|                                          |       |      |
|------------------------------------------|-------|------|
| English Literature.....                  | 2 + 1 | 3    |
| Civil Government and Political Economy.. | 2     | 2    |
| Composition and Rhetoric.....            | 1     | 1    |
| Latin .....                              | 3 + 2 | 3, 5 |
| French.....                              | 3 + 2 | 3, 5 |
| Review Mathematics.....                  | 3 + 1 | 4    |

Instead of Latin advanced Bookkeeping and Commercial Law may be taken and count the same.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Given good teachers and a good course of study, but one essential remains in order to have a good high school; namely, well prepared grammar pupils. The entering class in the fall was by no means such, and it has been very difficult for the teachers to make the progress with them that should be made with the first year class. Special efforts are being put forth, however, to get the present 8th grade into condition to enter the high school better prepared next year, and it is believed with some success. If we desire to have a strong high school, however, it is doubtful if it will be advisable to pass the 8th grade as a whole into the high school, as a number of them will be too immature and poorly prepared even at the best that we can hope, to make it possible for the class as a whole to do good work. These pupils should be requir-

ed to take the ninth grade work as formerly for their presence in the high school would mean a drawback to the others and of but little profit, if not a positive injury to themselves, for a poor start in the high school often means poor work all the way through.

### SUPPLIES.

The providing of the high school with the books necessary in order to carry out the new course of study made a big draft upon the appropriation for books and supplies and has made it necessary during the last part of the year to get along without some things that were very much needed in certain of the schools. As a result of this, moreover, the stock of supplies is reduced to almost nothing. It is very desirable, therefore, that a better provision for books and supplies be made this year, particularly as it will be necessary to provide the High School with a number of new books in the fall, and some provision should be made for work in raphia, reed, sewing and other lines of manual work, the materials for which, while not expensive, do involve some little outlay.

### RURAL SCHOOL CONDITIONS.

Through the wisdom and foresight of the townspeople in the past the schools at East Douglas are unusually well consolidated and provided for, and I doubt very much if many of the people who once opposed the plan would now be willing to go back to the old conditions. Those old conditions, however, still exist at the Center, So. Douglas, and West Douglas, and as a result the progress made by the children in these schools, particularly in the last two, is not nearly so great as is made by the children in the graded schools. This is not a matter of theory, but of fact and observation, and the condition is more or less chronic. How is it to be remedied? I can suggest but one way, and that is by gathering the children from these three schools into a Primary and a Grammar room at the Center. While to make the plan as great a success as possible, it would be desirable to provide a modern two room building, this would not be necessary for the present, as very likely a room in some private house for the primary grades could be rented.

Nor should the added cost for making the change be prohibitive, as the saving in the salary of one teacher and in the care and maintenance of school houses, should very nearly if not entirely pay the costs of transportation; and these costs should not be great, as the distance of either of the two small schools from the Center is not over two miles and the numbers of children are only 11 and 16. The distances being so short the ride in the barge should not be a great disadvantage, if careful drivers could be secured. Indeed there would be some advantages, as many of the children who now have to walk a long way to school could be carried at least a part of the way, and a child would be safer under the care of a good driver than alone on a country road. Moreover, it would be entirely possible to arrange to have one of the teachers board at South Douglas and ride back and forth with the children, if this seemed desirable. The advantages which would result from making the change are in part as follows:—

Better trained teachers on an average

More permanent teachers

Better graded schools

Better equipment

Better attendance (The attendance in these rural schools is poor.) See tables A. and B.

Longer recitation periods

More individual attention

More interest and enthusiasm, because of the larger numbers in the classes.

Instruction in Music and Drawing

More careful supervision

And as a total result of the change, from 25 to 50 per cent better progress than is now being made.

Whether or not the parents in the vicinity of these schools would care to have the change made, I do not know, but I am certain if they realized what a difference it would make to the children, they would be the first ones to desire it. I would at least suggest the advisability of consulting them personally and ascertaining if they are willing to give the plan a trial, with the understanding,

that if they do not like the way it works out, the old conditions will be restored. I cannot think, however, that they would ever care to have this done, any more than did the people at East Douglas after they had once made the change there.

### DECORATION.

During the fall term two very successful sales and entertainments were held, one at East Douglas, and one at the Center, to secure money to buy pictures for the schoolrooms. The teachers worked hard and the townspeople patronized the affairs so generously that the following sums were netted: for the East Douglas School, \$91.26, and for the Douglas Center School, \$21.25. After considering carefully the questions of grade appropriateness, pictures already on hand, and the tastes of the teachers, the following pictures, mostly Carbon photos were decided upon and purchased for the schools as indicated.

### EAST DOUGLAS.

|                            |                                  |                         |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Garde 1 . . . . .          | Age of Innocence . . . . .       | Sistine Madonna         |
| Grade 2 . . . . .          | Can't You Talk? . . . . .        | Cherub Heads            |
| Grade 3 . . . . .          | Madonna of the Chair . . . . .   | Feeding Her Birds       |
| Grades 4-5 . . . . .       | Monarch of the Glen . . . . .    | The Gleaners            |
| Grades 5-6 . . . . .       | Christ and the Doctors . . . . . | The Helping Hand        |
| Grades 7-8 . . . . .       | The Angelus . . . . .            | Return of the Mayflower |
| High School . . . . .      | Portrait of Lincoln . . . . .    | Song of the Lark        |
| Assistant's Room . . . . . | The Parthenon . . . . .          | The Temple of Jupiter   |
| Upper Hall . . . . .       |                                  | The Roman Forum         |

### WEST DOUGLAS SCHOOL.

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| The Dutch Windmill . . . . . | Baby Stuart |
|------------------------------|-------------|

### DOUGLAS CENTER SCHOOL.

|                                               |                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Portraits of Lincoln and Washington . . . . . | Monarch of the Glen . . . . .   |
| Can't You Talk? . . . . .                     | Niagara Falls . . . . .         |
|                                               | Grand Canal of Venice . . . . . |

## CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I would express to the committee, teachers and parents my appreciation of the spirit of harmony and of willingness to do one's whole duty by the schools that is so evident on every hand. So long as it continues, the town cannot fail to have good schools, and cannot fail to improve.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN S. COBB,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

East Douglas, Feb. 18, 1909.

Table A. Douglas School Statistics, 1907-1908.

| SCHOOL                | TEACHER               | WHERE<br>EDUCATED   | Salary per week paid | No. of weeks kept | Legal time, mo's, days | Enrolment     |                |           |            |               |                |            |             | Total Membership | Average Membership | Average Attendance | Percent. of Attendance | Tardiness | Dismissals | Number of Visitors | Visits of Superintendent |           |            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
|                       |                       |                     |                      |                   |                        | Under 5. Boys | Under 5. Girls | 5-15 Boys | 5-15 Girls | Over 15. Boys | Over 15. Girls | Total Boys | Total Girls |                  |                    |                    |                        |           |            |                    |                          | 7-14 Boys | 7-14 Girls |
| High .....            | J. F. Brackett, Prin. | Bates College ..... | \$25.00              | 40                | 8-18                   | 0             | 0              | 3         | 5          | 1             | 13             | 4          | 18          | 4                | 8                  | 32                 | 24                     | 22        | 92         | 140                | 50                       | 45        | 8          |
| E. Doug. Gr. VII-VIII | Edith M. Fogg, Asst.  | Boston University   | 10.00                | 40                | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              | 24        | 18         | 1             | 2              | 25         | 20          | 17               | 15                 | 47                 | 39                     | 36        | 93         | 102                | 152                      | 11        | 18         |
| "                     | M. Louise Doherty     | Tufts College.....  | 12.00                | 36                | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              | 14        | 12         | 0             | 0              | 14         | 12          | 14               | 12                 | 27                 | 24                     | 23        | 95         | 31                 | 1360                     | 54        | 6          |
| "                     | Euna L. Buffington    | Doug. High School   | 10.00                | 36                | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              |           |            |               |                |            |             |                  |                    |                    |                        |           |            |                    |                          |           |            |
| "                     | K. Helena Wixtead     | Doug. High School   | 10.50                | 5                 | 9-8-17                 | 0             | 0              |           |            |               |                |            |             |                  |                    |                    |                        |           |            |                    |                          |           |            |
| "                     | Loretta Morrison..    | Worcester Normal    | 10.50                | 9                 | 9-8-17                 | 0             | 0              | 27        | 20         | 0             | 0              | 27         | 20          | 26               | 18                 | 49                 | 43                     | 41        | 92         | 72                 | 34                       | 5         | 1          |
| "                     | Marjorie Doherty..    | Lowell Normal....   | 10.50                | 22                | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              | 26        | 20         | 0             | 0              | 26         | 20          | 25               | 19                 | 49                 | 43                     | 40        | 93         | 96                 | 50                       | 12        | 8          |
| "                     | Edith Abbott.....     | Doug. High School   | 10.50                | 36                | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              | 21        | 15         | 0             | 0              | 21         | 15          | 16               | 14                 | 37                 | 30                     | 28        | 94         | 36                 | 53                       | 27        | 8          |
| "                     | Etta H. Johnson...    | Doug. High School   | 10.00                | 36                | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              | 21        | 35         | 0             | 0              | 21         | 35          | 4                | 14                 | 36                 | 46                     | 43        | 91         | 55                 | 20                       | 11        | 7          |
| "                     | Blanche Blackburn.    | Woburn High "       | 10.00                | 36                | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              | 21        | 35         | 0             | 0              | 21         | 35          | 4                | 14                 | 36                 | 46                     | 43        | 91         | 55                 | 20                       | 11        | 7          |
| Center, Mixed .....   | M. Belle Brown....    | Farming'n, Me. Nor  | 10.00                | 36                | 8-18                   | 0             | 0              | 14        | 11         | 0             | 0              | 14         | 11          | 9                | 8                  | 30                 | 25                     | 23        | 91         | 23                 | 34                       | 48        | 12         |
| "                     | Ethel Partridge....   | Truro, N. S. Nor.   | 10.00                | 29                | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              | 13        | 6          | 0             | 0              | 13         | 6           | 13               | 6                  | 20                 | 14                     | 11        | 76         | 92                 | 7                        | 16        | 3          |
| So. Douglas, Mixed .. | Elinor May Shaw..     | Thayer Academy.     | 10.00                | 16                | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              | 8         | 9          | 0             | 1              | 8          | 10          | 5                | 7                  | 18                 | 14                     | 12        | 87         | 0                  | 0                        | 20        | 10         |
| W. Douglas, Mixed..   | Mabel Manahan ...     | Doug. High School   | 8.50                 | 25                | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              |           |            |               |                |            |             |                  |                    |                    |                        |           |            |                    |                          |           |            |
| "                     | Alma Quintal.....     | Doug. High School   |                      | 11                | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              |           |            |               |                |            |             |                  |                    |                    |                        |           |            |                    |                          |           |            |
|                       |                       |                     |                      | 368               | 8-17                   | 0             | 0              | 171       | 151        | 2             | 16             | 173        | 167         | 133              | 121                | 385                | 302                    | 279       | 92         | 1647               | 760                      | 249       | 81         |

Table B. Rank of the Schools in Attendance and Punctuality, 1907-1908.

| ATTENDANCE |                                              |           | PUNCTUALITY |                                    |                   |
|------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| RANK       | SCHOOL                                       | PER CENT. | RANK        | SCHOOL                             | AVERAGE TARDINESS |
| 1          | Douglas, Grade VI.....                       | 95.       | 1           | West Douglas.....                  | 0                 |
| 2          | E. Douglas, Grade II.....                    | 93.9      | 2           | Douglas Centre.....                | .9                |
| 3          | E. Douglas, Grades III-IV.....               | 93.1      | 3           | E. Douglas, Grade I.....           | 1.18              |
| 4          | High.....                                    | 93.       | 4           | E. Douglas, Grade II.....          | 1.2               |
| 5          | E. Douglas Grammar School, Gr. VII-VIII..... | 92.8      | 5           | E. Douglas, Grade VI.....          | 1.21              |
| 6          | Douglas, Grades IV-V.....                    | 92.3      | 6           | E. Douglas, Grades IV-V.....       | 1.6               |
| 7          | E. Douglas, Grade I.....                     | 91.5      | 7           | E. Douglas, Grades III-IV.....     | 2.2               |
| 8          | Douglas Centre.....                          | 91.4      | 8           | East Douglas, Grades VII-VIII..... | 2.6               |
| 9          | West Douglas.....                            | 87        | 9           | High.....                          | 5.7               |
| 10         | South Douglas.....                           | 76.4      | 10          | So. Douglas, Grades I-VIII.....    | 6.4               |

## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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*Mr. E. S. Cobb, Superintendent of Schools.*

DEAR SIR:

The new course of study, adopted for the High School, has been in operation since last Fall and is giving very general satisfaction. The pupils, both by diligence and application during school hours and by loyal response to the demand for home study have helped in securing satisfactory results.

The requirements in English History, and Latin have been raised to meet the regular High School standard. The introduction of Commercial subjects and of French, and the strengthening of the science courses have more closely adapted the school to the needs of the community.

The large number of boys now attending the school is encouraging, but we wish that more parents would realize that the High School offers something of practical value to the boys.

The general conduct of the pupils throughout the building has been of a high order. Excellence in this matter has been made possible by hearty co-operation of the teachers.

I would call the attention of parents to the fact that visitors are welcome in the schools at all times. An occasional visit by a parent, especially during the early part of the year, cannot but prove helpful to parent, child, and teacher. This holds true for all the grades.

In conclusion we are glad to acknowledge our indebtedness to the School Committee and the Superintendent. Their courtesy and generous support have contributed largely to such success as has attended our efforts.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

CHAS. E. DISNEY.

January 27, 1909.

*Principal of High School.*

## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

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*To the Superintendent and School Committee of the town of Douglas*

I herewith respectfully submit my third report as supervisor of music in the schools.

From our last report till the end of school year the work in music has been much the same as previously reported. A steady gain has been made in the grade work.

Owing to ill health, a six months leave of absence was granted me, consequently from September to January 1, 1909, music was carried on in the schools by their respective teachers.

Since my return I have observed great interest and eagerness to grasp and master new phases of the work.

We are still laboring under the difficulty of making a small number of books serve a large number of pupils.

In the High School better work is being done than ever before, a regular study period now being observed.

I wish to thank all those who so kindly granted me a leave of absence, and all the teachers who have so faithfully assisted me in every way.

Respectfully,

ADDIE L. SWEET,

*Supervisor of Music.*

February 9, 1909.

# Report of School Committee

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The Committee and Superintendent have held monthly meetings as in the preceding year.

The most important change which has taken place the past year was caused by the resignation of our Superintendent, Mr. Francis S. Brick, who accepted a more advantageous offer from the town of Maynard. To fill the position, left vacant for the first time in seven years, the joint committee of Uxbridge and Douglas secured Mr. Edwin S. Cobb of Dighton.

## CHANGES IN TEACHING FORCE.

Resignations—John F. Brackett, Miss Edith A. Fogg, Miss Louise Doherty, High School; Miss Ida L. Rollins, Grades VII and VIII; Miss Blanche Blackburn, Grade I; Miss Elinor M. Shaw, South Douglas; Miss Mabel Manahan, West Douglas.

Transfers—Miss Louise Doherty, from VII and VIII Grades to assistant position in High School; in January, Miss Marjorie Doherty, from Grade V to VII and VIII.

Elections—Charles E. Disney, as principal of High School; in January, Miss Miriam Harris elected to assistant position in place of Miss Louise Doherty, resigned; Miss Ida L. Rollins, Grades VII and VIII; in January, Miss Mary Waldo, to Grade V in place of Miss Marjorie Doherty, transferred; Miss Oda Ware, Grade I; Miss Mabel Cromb, South Douglas; Miss Mollie Kelly, West Douglas. In January, Miss Mabel Cromb

gave up the work at South Douglas because of sickness; Miss Elinor M. Shaw was secured for the place.

Miss Addie Sweet, our music instructor, was given a leave of absence until January 1st. The teachers carried on the work until that time.

Extensive repairs have been made at Old Douglas. At East Douglas the vaults and roof have been fixed and some work has been done at West Douglas.

The high school calendar was the same as last year. The elementary schools opened one week earlier in September.

The Committee wish to thank Mr. W. W. Emerson for the interest manifested by his gift of Prism and Lenses to the high school.

We received in November our first five hundred (\$500) dollars from the State, under the statute which provides that a town of less than five hundred families, maintaining a high school which meets requirements, shall be entitled to that amount.

Attention is called to a change in the time of blowing the "no school" signal which indicates "no school" for the afternoon session. The three blasts will be given at 11.15 a. m. instead of 12.15 p. m.

For the ensuing year the following appropriations are asked for:

|                                           |            |            |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Public schools including transportation.. | \$5,500 00 |            |
| Books and supplies.....                   | 400 00     |            |
| For superintendent.....                   | 360 00     |            |
| Repairs .....                             | 300 00     |            |
| School physician.....                     | 50 00      |            |
|                                           | <hr/>      | \$6,610 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| LUCIUS J. MARSH,   | } <i>Superintending</i> |
| EDWARD T. BUXTON,  |                         |
| GILBERT W. ROWLEY, |                         |
|                    | <i>Committee.</i>       |







